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Hi Emily, Sean and Jim,

We just sent this attached letter to the Mayor of Village of Hoosick Falls. It responds to the letter that he sent to EPA in February (also attached). A draft of this letter had been sent to Acting Commissioner Segos by Judith last week. We finalized it today and sent it out. It will also be posted to our Hoosick webpage.

In addition, we are updating the text on our webpage to reflect the state's announcement 3/30 about the public water supply and the temporary treatment system. We just quote from and link to your news release. That is in process right now. Should be updated later this afternoon.

Specifically, we are updating our text to:

**In 2015, members of the Hoosick Falls community have contacted the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with concerns and questions about whether they should drink, bathe in, or cook with their water, which has been found to contain perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA).**

**PFOA is a manmade chemical that is toxic and persistent in the environment. It is used as a surface-active agent and in a variety of products, such as fire-fighting foams, coating additives and cleaning products.**

**On November 25, 2015, the EPA recommended that, based on the presence of PFOA above 400 ppt in the Village of Hoosick Falls public drinking water supply, people not drink the water from the Hoosick Falls public water supply or use it for cooking.**

**The New York State Department of Health is the lead for addressing PFOA contamination in the water supply. The New York State Department of Health announced on March 30, 2016 that “repeated testing of the village of Hoosick Falls’ municipal water system shows non detection of Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and is now safe for all uses including drinking and cooking.” For the latest information about work to address the public water supply, visit <https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/investigations/hoosick/>.**

**In February 2016, the EPA collected soil samples from the Hoosick Falls Ballfields and Athletic Field. That sampling found levels of PFOA and related compounds ranging from not detectable to 0.021 parts per million (ppm), as compared with EPA’s action level for PFOA in soil, which is currently 15.6 ppm. These levels will not necessitate any need for cleanup work in any of the areas sampled.**

**The EPA will be doing more sampling during spring 2016, including soil sampling in areas near the Saint-Gobain McCaffrey Street facility, and sampling of soil, groundwater and storm drains at the McCaffrey Street facility.**

**The EPA is issuing periodic community updates to keep the public informed of its continuing efforts. Public inquiries can be directed to Larisa Romanowski at [Romanowski.Larisa@epa.gov](mailto:Romanowski.Larisa@epa.gov) or 518-407-0400.**

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